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STRATHFIELD WAR MEMORIAL SYNAGOGUE'S

PRAYER - SERVICES

WEEKDAYS:

Sundays: Shacharit 8.00am

Mondays and Thursdays: Shacharit 6.45am

Rosh Chodesh, Chol Hamoed and Minor Fast Days:
Shacharit 6.40am.

SHABBAT:

Eve of Shabbat: Friday: Kabbalat Shabbat 6.30pm
(Summer 7.00pm)

Shabbat Morning: Shacharit 9.00am
Torah 9.45am
Musaph 10.30am

Kiddush after the service.

Shabbat afternoon: Minchah followed by a
"family Shalosh Seudot", Ma'ariv and Havdala.
Usually begins a half-hour before sunset.

EVENING AND MORNING MINYANIM CAN BE ARRANGED FOR
Yahrzeits. CONTACT RABBI GUTNICK AT 642.4803 ONE
WEEK BEFORE YAHRZIET DATE.

SPECIAL FAMILY SERVICES ARE HELD REGULARLY AND
FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS. WATCH THE SYNAGOGUE COLUMN IN
THE AUSTRALIAN JEWISH TIMES FOR FULL DETAILS, DATES
AND TIMES.

NON-MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ALL SERVICES.

19 Florence St. Strathfield.

A Rosh Hashana Message From the Rabbi...

It has always been common practice amongst men to mark the passage of time. Each nation and civilization developed methods of measuring time, and even the most primitive people devised some form of calendar to mark the passing of day and night or the seasons. These calendars, whether seasonal, solar or lunar all yielded the concept of a year, and eventually the first day of each year was designated and celebrated as a "New Year's Day".

The common factor in marking the New Year Day is usually unbridled festivities and celebrations and a tendency to try to escape the realities of life for a while. However, this picture tends to conjure up a picture of a type of feast of the Damned - drinking and frolicking today because of an inability or unwillingness to face the morrow or acknowledge the passage of time and the loss of youth and opportunity.

Judaism has always encouraged joy, happiness, festivities and a love of life, but its New Year's Day and the days following it have been set aside as an inspiring blend of two contrasting ideas - festive holydays and a period of serious retrospection and resolutions for the future.

Rosh Hashanah has thus become, not just a universal festival marking the passage of years, but also a personal holy day. It calls man's attention to the fact that there is a Creator with a plan and design which if accepted, can fill the passing years with meaning and purpose. Our New Year is celebrated not by trying to forget responsibilities and life's realities, but by firmly recognising G-d as our Creator, thus assuring significance and meaning in our future lives.

These resolutions and feelings lead to a Yom Kippur,

the Day of Atonement, which in turn impresses upon us that though it may appear to be difficult to change habits and practice unfamiliar disciplines, it is never too late to return to G-d. Our religion recognises only too well the frailties and nature of man and designates a day for sincere return which we are told can make amends for actions and deeds which may not have been a reflection of our true potential as good Jews and human beings.

Armed with the firm resolutions of Rosh Hashanah and the certain atonement for past actions that a sincere Yom Kippur Day brings, we can then face the festivities of the joyous festival of Succot and Simchat Torah,

Let us make an honest attempt to celebrate our traditional festivals this year in a correct and sincere manner and thus we can be assured of G-d's abundant blessings for a sweet and good year - materially and spiritually.

My wife and I have been in the Strathfield Community for just over a year and must commend all those who are involved in the activities of this unique community - whether in the shule sphere or in U.I.A., J.N.F., or WIZO activities or the like. On the eve of Rosh Hashanah I would however like to call for an even greater rallying of our communities' resources and even more involvement in all our communal activities. Resolutions such as these, when combined with the personal resolutions mentioned above, can only lead to a strengthening of our religion and our people.

With sincere blessings for a happy and healthy new year for us and for our people everywhere, and with particular wishes for a lasting peace in the Holy Land,

בברכת כתיבה וחתימה טובה

Rabbi Mordechai Gutnick.

The Presidents Column.

The Shule has seen a tremendous amount of activity over the past year since Rabbi and Mrs Gutnick have been with us. Regular minyanim on Shabbat, Sunday, Monday and Thursday means that our Shule is truly a house of Prayer. I personally have done all within my power to assure that we do not lack a minyan. I only wish that more members (or even non-members) would take the opportunity to help with the minyanim. If you have a Yahrzeit or need a minyan for any other purpose come along and join us.

On the education side - we now have a programme for both children and adults. The Sunday school is progressing very well. We now have over 50 children and the standard of our teachers is extremely high. Our kindergarten is also progressing excellently and we have been told that its standard is higher than any other kindergarten in Sydney. Credit must be given to Mrs Joseph for the marvellous work she is doing. We need more students however if we are to operate at full potential. If you know of any Jewish children who live in the area around Strathfield let the Rabbi or Mrs Joseph know immediately.

The adult study circle and other classes introduced by the Rabbi are likewise very successful but once again not enough people are taking advantage of them. We hear over and over again people complaining of lack of Jewish knowledge. We here in Strathfield should have absolutely no cause for complaint as the Shule now offers facilities that are equal if not better than almost any Congregation in Sydney. It is up to you to take advantage of them.

Our social functions such as our annual Ball and Bar-B-Q evening were enjoyed by all who attended. There was, however a marked lower attendance than in previous years. The Committees involved in arranging these functions are always open to suggestions that would ensure bigger attendances, so rather than just stay at home let them have your ideas so that we can organize functions for the Community that will be supported and completely successful.

Let the new year be a year of full communal unity and success. We have tremendous potential. Let's use it.

Ladies Auxiliary.

The behind-the-scenes activities of the Strathfield Synagogues Ladies Auxiliary is as strong as ever.

Much money has been raised and transferred to the Shule's accounts from the successful functions organised by the Ladies Auxiliary. But new ideas and suggestions are always welcome and if you have some please come along to the meetings which are usually held on the second Monday night of the month. Exact venue and time can be found in the Synagogue column of the Australian Jewish Times.

The kiddushim and Shalosh Seudot which are now regular weekly features at Shule are catered by the Auxiliary, but we would like a few extra pairs of hands. So if you're looking for an enjoyable way to spend a late Shabbat afternoon come along (with the Kids) and join in the Zmirot and help us to continue these successful occasions.

Watch out for coming functions to be made by the auxiliary notably the the Dinner in November. This is your community so do your utmost to ensure the success of these functions. For any information concerning the Auxiliary or if you have suggestions or wish to lend a hand call Mrs Shaw at 642.1727.

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19 Florence St. Strathfield 2135.

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Join with Rabbi & Mrs Gutnick

in wishing the entire Jewish
community of Strathfield and
surrounding districts

A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR

Communal Jottings

MAZEL TOV!

A number of Mazel Tavs have been celebrated recently in Shule.

Rabbi and Mrs Gutnick recently celebrated the birth and briss of their second son Menachem Mendel. The Briss was the first one to be held in the Shule.

Mr and Mrs Aron Shaw recently celebrated the birth of their second grandson, Isaac. Proud parents both attended a few weeks later when the Shaws "threw a Kiddush" to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. Best wishes for many more of both to come.

Family Jacobs recently celebrated with the community the Bar Mitzvah of Ian. Ian is attending minyanim regularly and is also setting what we hope will be a new trend, by staying in Hebrew School even after his Bar Mitzvah.

Family Neumann recently celebrated the marriage of son and brother David to Miss Judy Golub of the USA.

Dr. and Mrs J. Szasz recently named their daughter in Shule.

To all these, and to all other members who celebrated Simchot recently, we extend a hearty Mazel Tov. Remember, when you are blessed with a Simchah, that you have a community of friends who would like to share it with you. So come along to Shule. Offer a few words of thanks, and share the Simcha with everyone. Also, let us know about them so that we can include them in future journals.

FUTURE SIMCHOT.

A number of Simchot are coming up soon. Bar mitvah boys-to-be Eddie Myer, Joseph Stanislaw and David Goldman are all preparing in earnest for their Barmitzvahs to be celebrated in the coming year.

A highly interesting and appropriate service is planned for Sunday 14th November 1976 at 2.45pm when the BAT MITZVA

CEREMONY of Jackie Curtis, Judith Lacey and Rosanne Moses will take place. The three young ladies are preparing seriously for this important occasion and we wish them and their parents much success and Hatzlachah for the coming event.

BEREAVEMENTS.

Our deepest condolences go to all those of our community who have lost near and dear ones in the recent past.

Deepest condolences to family Jacobs on the passing of Mrs Jacobs senior.

Deepest condolences to the family of the late Mrs Kolts.

Deepest condolences to the family of the late Dr S. Nash.

Deepest condolences to the family of the late Mr David Speiser.

May they rest in peace remembered by their family and friends.

THANKS.

Thanks are due to all those who have donated so generously towards the Shule and especially to all those who offered such open-handed donations during the High Holyday services last year. We hope that their will be a repeat performance this year.

Special mention is made of the following special gifts to the Shule:

A beautiful set of the Babylonian Talmud for use at the Rabbi's Sunday Talmud Shiur which was donated by Dr & Mrs Dov Dorfman. Dr Dorfman also donated 12 new Siddurim to the Shule and also an electric heater for use at the early morning miyanim on the cold winter mornings. Mrs J Eisikovits is currently finishing a beautiful new cover for the Reading Desk which will be in use for the High Holyday services. Our thanks to both Mr And Mrs. Eiskowitz for this beautiful donation.

Thanks are due to Mr J. Kramer for the gift of an impressive new Menorah to the Shule which was originally made to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Israel's independence.

Thanks are also due to Mr P. Perkal for the work invested in painting the plaques at the front of the Shule with the symbols of the 12 months.

Our thanks are also extended to Mr A. Kohn for the beautiful monument he erected near the six trees which were planted in honour of our six million martyrs. Special thanks must also be recorded to all those members who have donated of their time and energy towards the upkeep of the Shule.

Thanks are also extended to those younger members of our community who have attended our early morning minyanim in order to help make up the minyan. These boys - The Hyman brothers, the Dorfman brothers, David Schneider and Peretz Moses deserve commending.

There'll be child minding facilities on the High Holydays

SO DON'T FORGET THE KIDS!

BRING THEM ALONG TO SHULE ON YOMTOV
AND ESPECIALLY TO

The SUCCOT PARTY

On the 2nd Day of Succot Sunday 10th Oct.
(after services)

ALSO DONT FORGET THE FUN AND CHILDREN'S PARTY

SIMCHAT TORAH FUN

On Simchat Torah night, Saturday 18th Oct at 6.30pm
and Simchat Torah Day Sunday, 17th Oct. from 8am.

Some Laws and Customs.

ROSH HASHANNAH (Sat. 25th Sept and Sunday 26th Sept)

1. During the Rosh Hasanna festive meals we dip the first piece of bread in honey rather than the normal practice of dipping it in salt.
2. During the meal we also dip a pice of apple in honey and eat it after reciting the appropriate blessing. These two customs are symbolic that we should have a good and sweet year. When we eat the apple and honey we say: "May it be thy will that we should be inscribed for a good and sweet year".
3. On Rosh Hashanan we are obligated to hear the Shofar. This year the first day of Rosh Hashanah falls on Shabbat so we only blow the Shofar on Sunday. This is a Biblical Command and reminds us of the importance of the day when we crown G-d as King and must be awakened to his service.
4. It is customary to go to a river or lake or other body of water to symbolically "cast our sins upon the waters".

YOM KIPPUR. (Monday 4th October)

1. It is a "mitzvah" to eat more than usual on the day before Yom Kippur in preparation for the fast.
2. The fast begins on Sunday October 3rd at 5.42pm and ends at 6.40pm.
3. If it is neccessary for one to eat on Yom Kippur for health reasons contact the Rabbi for details of the correct manner and way this should be done. In case of any doubt about when one may or may not eat consult the Rabbi.
4. It is also forbidden to wash oneself or wear leather shoes, and in general one should abstain from normal physical pleasures in accordance with the Biblical command "and you shall afflict yourself on that day".

SUCCOT (Sat. Oct9th and Sunday Oct 10th)

1. Throughout the festival of Succot (from Friday night

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COMMUNAL

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.
<p>24th ELUL (19th Sept)</p> <p>Selichot and Shacharit: 7:30am</p> <p>Sunday Hebrew School: 9.00am</p>	<p>25th ELUL (20th Sept)</p> <p>Selichot and Shacharit: 6.30am</p>	<p>26th ELUL (21st Sept)</p> <p>Selichot and Shacharit: 6.30am</p>	<p>27th (22nd)</p> <p>Selichot and Shacharit</p> <p>Class & Cust</p>
<p>2nd TISHREI ROSH HASHANAH (26th Sept)</p> <p>Shacharit: 8.30am Shofar: 11.15am Minchah: 5.45pm</p> <p>Yom Tov ends: 6.25</p>	<p>3rd TISHREI FAST OF GEDALIA (27th Sept)</p> <p>Selichot and Shacharit: 6.30am</p> <p>Fast ends: 6.26pm</p>	<p>4th TISHREI (28th Sept)</p> <p>Class on 'Prayer & Customs': 8pm at the Rabbi's.</p>	<p>5th (29th)</p> <p>Adult S 'Medic Halacha at the</p>
<p>9th TISHREI (3rd Oct)</p> <p>Shacharit: 8.00am KOL NIDRE: 6.00pm Sunday School: 9am Candle-lighting & Fast begins: 5.42pm</p>	<p>10th TISHREI YOM KIPPUR (4th Oct)</p> <p>Shacharit: 8.15am Yizkor: 11.45pm Neilah: 5.15pm Fast ends: 6.00pm</p>	<p>11th TISHREI (5th Oct)</p> <p>No Class</p>	<p>12th (6th)</p>
<p>16th TISHREI 2nd DAY SUCCOT (10th Oct)</p> <p>Shacharit: 9.00am Minchah/Mariv: 6pm</p> <p>SUCCOT PARTY: after services</p> <p>Yom Tov ends: 6.39</p>	<p>17th TISHREI (11th Oct)</p> <p>Chol Hamoed</p> <p>Shacharit: 6.40am</p>	<p>18th TISHREI (12th Oct)</p> <p>Chol Hamoed</p> <p>Shacharit: 6.40am</p> <p>Class on 'Prayer & Customs': 8pm at the Rabbi's.</p>	<p>19th (13th)</p> <p>Chol Shach</p>
<p>23rd TISHREI SIMCHAT TORAH (17th Oct)</p> <p>Shacharit: 8.00am Hakafot: 9.00am</p> <p>COMMUNAL SIMCHAT TORAH LUNCH: 1pm</p> <p>Yom Tov ends: 6.46</p>	<p>24th TISHREI (18th Oct)</p> <p>Shacharit: 6.45am</p>	<p>25th TISHREI (19th Oct)</p> <p>Class on 'Prayer and Customs': 8pm at the Rabbi's</p>	<p>26th (20th)</p>

CALENDAR

S.	THURS.	FRI.	SHABBAT
<p>ELUL (Sept)</p> <p>ot and rit: 6.30am</p> <p>on 'Prayer oms': 8. pm</p>	<p>28th ELUL (23rd Sept)</p> <p>Selichot and Shacharit: 6.30am</p> <p>Ulpan Ivrit: 7.30pm</p>	<p>29th ELUL (24th Sept)</p> <p>Selichot and Shacharit: 6.30am</p> <p>Candle-lighting: 5.30pm</p>	<p>1st TISHRI ROSH HASHANAH (25th Sept)</p> <p>Shacharit: 8.30am Minchah: 5.45pm Maariv: 6.30pm Candle-lighting: 5.30pm</p>
<p>TISHREI (h Sept)</p> <p>Study Group ne and the h' - 8pm Rabbi's.</p>	<p>6th TISHREI (30th Sept)</p> <p>Shacharit: 6.45am Ulpan Ivrit: 7.30pm</p>	<p>7th TISHREI (1st Oct)</p> <p>Kabbalat Shabbat: 6.30pm</p> <p>Candle-lighting: 5.40pm</p>	<p>8th TISHREI SHABBAT SHUVAH (2nd Oct)</p> <p>Shacharit: 9am Minchah/Shalosh- Seudot/Mariv: 5.45 Shabbat ends: 6.30pm</p>
<p>TISHREI (Oct)</p>	<p>13th TISHREI (7th Oct)</p> <p>Shacharit: 6.45am Ulpan Ivrit: 7.30pm</p>	<p>14th TISHREI (8th Oct)</p> <p>Kabbalat Shabbat: 6.30pm</p> <p>Candle-lighting: 5.40pm</p>	<p>15th TISHREI 1st DAY SUCCOT (9th Oct)</p> <p>Shacharit: 9.00am Minchah: 6.00pm Maariv: 6.30pm Candle: 6.30pm</p>
<p>TISHREI (h Oct)</p> <p>Hamoed</p> <p>arrit: 6.40am</p>	<p>20th TISHREI (14th Oct)</p> <p>Chol Hamoed</p> <p>Shacharit: 6.40am Ulpan Ivrit: 7.30pm</p>	<p>21st TISHREI (15th Oct)</p> <p>HOSHANA RABBA</p> <p>Shacharit: 6.15am</p> <p>Candle-lighting: 5.52pm</p>	<p>22nd TISHREI SHEMINI ATZERET (16th Oct)</p> <p>Shacharit: 9.00am Yizkor: 10.15am Minchah: 6.00pm HAKAPOT: 7.00pm Candle: 6.45pm</p>
<p>TISHREI (h Oct)</p>	<p>27th TISHREI (21st Oct)</p> <p>Shacharit: 6.45am Ulpan Ivrit: 7.30pm</p>	<p>28th TISHREI (22nd Oct)</p> <p>Kabbalat Shabbat: 6.30pm</p> <p>Candle-lighting: 5.53pm</p>	<p>29th TISHREI (23rd Oct)</p> <p>SHABBAT BEREISHIT</p> <p>Shacharit: 9.00am Minchah/Shalosh- Seudot/Mariv: 6pm Shabbat ends: 6.30</p>

Some laws and customs - Continued.

Oct 8th until Shabbat 16th October) one should eat all meals at which bread or cake is eaten, in the Succa.

2. On the first two nights of Succot it is incumbent upon us to eat in the Succa at least a piece of bread even though we may not be hungry or even if it rains. This obligation is a Biblical one.
3. When eating in the Succah the blessing *וּבְרַכְתֶּם* is recited. (Singer's Prayer Book Page 315.)
4. Women are not obligated to eat in the Succa but if they do so they recite the blessing.
5. Beginning the second day of Succot this year (because the first day is Shabbat) throughout the festival - i.e. from Sunday 10th October to Friday October 15th - we must take the Lulav and Etrog and recite the appropriate blessings over them. If you wish to fulfill this Biblical obligation come along to Shule for the services.
6. One may take the Lulav and Etrog and fulfill one's obligation all day long but not at night.

SHEMINI ATZERET AND SIMCHAT TORAH:

1. These are days of special rejoicing.
2. On Shemini Atzeret (Saturday October 16th) Yizkor (Memorial Service) is said in the Synagogue.
3. On the eve of Simchat Torah (Saturday night Oct 16th) the time of "Rejoicing with the Law" begins. Traditional festivities especially for the children take place. (see Communal Calender).

THE CANDLES SHOULD BE LIT BY ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME BEFORE SHABBAT AND FESTIVALS (see Communal Calender),

CHATTAN TORAH Mr I. Miller
and

CHATTAN BEREISHIT Mr. J. Nagel
have been honoured this year with these 'Kibbudim' and
invite the whole Community to the SINCHAT TORAH celebrations

Every Shabbat afternoon the Rabbi has a special "shiur" for teenagers which is very interesting and informative. It is a chance to talk over all your problems and the Rabbi is just waiting to discuss them with you. If the time is inconvenient don't just stay away let the Rabbi know and future discussions and classes can be held at more convenient times. Don't just settle for your pre-Barmitzvah "Pediatric-Judaism". The opportunity is there, don't waste it and be sorry later.

Harvey Stern, Rosh Chotrim of Habonim has asked for the following to be printed.

Ichud Habonim would like to take this opportunity to publicise the fact that on Sunday afternoons at 12.30 to 3.00pm, meetings are held for Jewish youth aged 12 to 14 at the Strathfield Shule. We believe that the movement does provide an important means of identification with the Zionist movement for that section of the community which is usually forgotten about because they are "too young to be functional". If the youth are not encouraged to identify now with being Jewish then we fear that hopes for later could be in vain.

The Meetings involve the learning of Jewish and Israeli songs and dances, a lot of fun and games, and some serious discussion. Anyone who is interested should come to any of the meetings at the Shule or contact Harvey Stern at 366070, or Ichud Habonim at 389.4993. If you are aged 14 to 16 contact Danny Goldberg at 764.1831 for information.

The new Western Suburbs youth group for older teenagers and early twenties called "MAARAVI" is functioning quite successfully. A number of recent functions were well attended and many more activities are planned. For information in the Strathfield area contact Richard Dahl at 73.3515.

FEATURE PAGES

Rosh Hashana is with us again and with it comes feelings to take our religion and purpose in life a little more seriously. There are so many places to begin at, so many rich and meaningful traditions and laws that can add "something" to our lives.

The festivals that face us have many customs that are alive with meaning, the Shofar the Lulav and Succa etc and no doubt we shall all try to fulfill these particular obligations over the festive period. There are however a number of daily things that if practiced can add a tremendous amount to our very existence.

Great emphasis has been placed lately by world Rabbinic leaders on a number of "Mitzvot" that are particularly applicable to our times and needs. We have been asked to strengthen observance of the following Mitzvot;

1. Torah study - the daily study of appropriate portions of our vast literature.
2. Mezuzah - to assure that our homes are identified as Jewish homes .
3. Charity - the practice of traditional Jewish traits of loving kindness and Charity.
4. Kahsruth -, the observance of our traditional dietary laws so that we can be assured of healthy Jewish bodies, minds and souls.
5. The traditional laws of Jewish home life to assure strong Jewish families.
6. The kindling of the Sabbath candles - to ensure the warmth and beauty and familial bonds that only a Shabbat can bring.
7. The donning of Tephillin every weekday.

Added emphasis on any or all of the above is vital in assuring the continuity of our tradition and heritage and a world-wide campaign is currently underway to promote the observance of the above mitzvot. In connection with the last point - Tephillin- we are reprinting the following article which makes good food for thought in the days before and after Rosh Hashana

Yigal Yadin's Greatest Find.

This article is reprinted from the Israeli publication
"Intergration "

Throughout Israel this story is being told. It concerns a priceless religious discovery and Professor Yigal Yadin Israel's leading archaeologist and former Chief of Staff of Israel's army. Recently, Professor Yadin discovered a pair of Tephillin of the time of the Second Temple, some 2,000 years old, and had just given a lecture in Tel Aviv on his discovery. At the end of his talk, Professor Yadin described an experience he had had on his train journey from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv.

His train had stopped at Kfar Chabad, where a number of Lubavitcher Chassidim came on board. One of the Chassidim, as is the Lubavitcher wont, began asking passengers to don Tephillin and to recite the usual prayer.

"When he approached me," said Professor Yadin, "I told him that I did not wish to be bothered, that I was not religious and did not believe in the practice. The Chassid persevered and I asked him where he came from. He replied that he had managed to get out of Russia only two years ago.

"I asked him: 'Did you put on Tephillin in Russia?' He looked hard at me and replied that he had put on Tephillin every day since his Barmitzvah. I said to myself: 'Here is a man (he was about thirty-eight) who was born and raised under Communist rule, and who has yet never missed putting on Tephillin. How can I refuse him?'

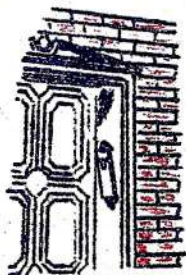
"I was ashamed. Under Russian oppression Jews put on Tephillin, and here in the Jewish State where we have freedom, Yigal Yadin refuses. I put on the Tephillin recited the Shema and thanked him for giving me the opportunity. The Chassids face shone.

"After I had taken off the Tephillin, an elderly woman came over and said: 'The Lubavitcher didn't recognise you but I know who you are. You are General Yadin, the

archaeologist. Seeing you put on Tephillin has given me great pleasure.' And she told me her story.

"My son was also a Chassid of Lubavitch. He was the only religiously observant parachutist in his unit. He put on Tephillin every day. During the Six Day War, my son was mortally wounded. As he lay on the desert sand in critical condition his comrades asked him his last wishes. "Put on Tephillin " my son barely answered, and died There and then, in turn, all his fellow parachutists officers and men, put on my son's Tephillin.'

"The old lady then showed me a picture of her son and I remembered that I, too, was carrying photographs of the ancient Tephillin that I had found and which had never been displayed in public. I was overwhelmed by this chance meeting with the Lubavitcher and the bereaved mother on the train to this lecture. It was unbelievable and very moving. I felt that I would break down. I took out my pictures and showed them to the mother. So she was the first to see my discovery. The elderly woman looked at the pictures and we both began to cry. "



Do you want new
MEZUZOT
or your old ones
checked?

Contact the Rabbi.

We in the Diaspora have a vital obligation to our people in Israel.

For a nation cannot exist without enough schools without places to care for tiny children of less privileged families.

Nor can Israel do without basic social welfare services, no matter how badly defence needs drain the resources of the free world's most highly taxed people.

In 1920 the Womens International Zionist Organisation was formed in London. WIZO's program was designed to create social services for the well-being of mothers and children, and to raise the living, educational, social and professional standards of women.

Over the years, WIZO's programmes have expanded and changed to meet the changing needs.

For babies and children, WIZO operates Day-care centres, toddlers' homes and kindergartens where the young receive a proper start. At present 153 such institutions care for more than 9,300 children.

WIZO's schools and youth centres offer new, positive outlooks for boys and girls who might otherwise go astray. More than 52 youth centres make after-school facilities available to 18,000 youngsters in places where they can learn new skills, make new friends and develop new insights.

Thirteen agricultural and vocational high schools run by WIZO, equip 4,300 students to become self-supporting adults, by providing them with highly important technical and farming skills.

For the women in Israel's complex society, WIZO offers a wide range of services, counselling facilities and educational opportunities. Nearly 200 centres -

including nine in Arab villages - provide a milieu in which women can find friendship and assistance in fields that range from legal advice to child care.

WIZO's immigrant services include desks in absorption centres, courses in cooking and shopping and absorption committees that help newcomers find answers to their specific needs.

There are more than 300,000 members in world WIZO, 100,000 of these women are members of the Israel WIZO Federation. In Australia we have some 7,000 members of which over 2,000 are members in NSW.

The people of Israel are charged with the greatest obligation of all: assuring the nation's survival against surrounding enemies that far outnumber it. This central obligation takes most of Israel's money and man-power.

The will of the people ensures Israel's survival, but we in the diaspora must double our efforts to help ensure the quality of life in tomorrow's Israel.

In Strathfield there are two WIZO groups. WIZO Negba was established 27 years ago and WIZO Tikvah which is now 11 years old. Both groups are very eager to welcome new members.

Negba meets monthly in the evening and is proud of its financially successful card parties as well as its other functions. WIZO Tikvah, considered Negba's daughter group, has daytime meetings and luncheons on a weekly basis as well as an occasional evening function. All meetings are highly entertaining and interesting.

Both groups combine with the Strathfield Synagogue in their Annual Bazaar and Barbecue, and in general there is cooperation between the two to the mutual benefit of all. If you are interested in joining either group please phone WIZO Negba - Mrs E. Fitchman at 642.6530, and for WIZO Tikvah Mrs. S. Buchman at 76.9789.

Josie Lacey - Publicity Chairman WIZO State Council.

News from Strathfield JNF



The Rosh Hashana Blue Box clearance is currently in full swing. Volunteers are always welcome for house calls to clear Blue Boxes. If you have a few hours free and want to spend them in a way that will be most beneficial for the JNF and Israel ring the district chairman Mr. Aron Shaw at 642.1727.

Remember the Blue Box before candle-lighting before Shabbat and Yom Tov.

At the first function held this year to mark the 75th Anniversary of the JNF, all the District Committees undertook to raise the amount of at least \$1000 towards the Australian "EIN ZEITIN" Project in the Galil. Strathfield JNF Committee plans to raise the \$1000 at a special function in honour of the 75th birthday of our respected Mr Kramer who has always been

so active and generous in our Community. The special birthday function will honour both Mr Kramer and the JNF who were both born in the same year, 1901. In lieu of gifts, donations will be made to the JNF and it is hoped to fulfil our pledge in this manner. Reserve the date now - SUNDAY NIGHT OCTOBER 31st 1976.

THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEE OF THE STRATHFIELD AND DISTRICT JNF COMMITTEE WISH ALL BLUE BOX HOLDERS AND VOLUNTARY WORKERS A SHANA TOVAH AND WELL OVER THE

FAST.



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JEWISH-EDUCATION FACILITIES

CHILDREN:

YESHIVAH- YALONDA KRAMER KINDERGARTEN: Daily,
Mon. to Fri. 9.00am to 3.00pm for pre-schoolers.

STRATHFIELD HEBREW SCHOOL: Sundays 9.00am to 12.30pm
for children 5years of age and up.

AFTERNOON CLASSES: For full details contact the Rabbi.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH CLASSES: By arrangement with the Rabbi

YOUTH: Youth Shiur:

YOUTH SHIUR: "Ethics of the Fathers" Shabbat after-
noons, a half-hour before Minchah.

YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS:

ADULT STUDY CIRCLE: Discussion evening on varied
topics of interest. Last Weds. evening of
every month at 8.00pm at the Rabbi's, 73 Albyn
Rd., Strathfield. All welcome.

Special guest speakers at
regular intervals. For full details watch the
Synagogue column in the Aust. Jewish Times.

**A GUIDE THROUGH THE PRAYER BOOK AND THE SYNAGOGUE
SERVICES:** Lecture series every Tuesday night
at 8.00pm at the Rabbi's.

TALMUD SHIUR: Masechet Pesachim Sunday 7.30am in
the Synagogue.

ULPAN IVRIT: Learn modern Hebrew Thursdays 7.30pm
in the Hebrew Centre at the Synagogue.

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